

### **REMARKS**

Claims 26 to 30 have been canceled. Claims 16 to 25 are now pending in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file a related application on the canceled claims.

#### ***Allowable Claims***

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 16 to 25.

#### ***Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)***

Claims 26 to 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious under U.S. Patent Nos. 5,623,539; 5,623,533; 5,717,743; and 5,502,759. In view of the cancellation without prejudice above of claims 26 to 30, it is respectfully submitted that the present rejection is moot, and Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of all of the above, it is believed that any outstanding rejections of the canceled claims should be withdrawn, and that the Application and its allowed claims 16 to 25 are in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that any objections/rejections be withdrawn and that the present application issue as early as possible.

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